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Your World VICTORY IN JERSEY CITY! And Mine By Norman Thomas

Civil Liberties

the field of social legislation, aid to praise the dictator! reting and enforcing civil which even the Quakers cannot give relief!

In the famous Hague case the m the famous frague case the Monopoly Probe

episton. kr čivil liberties rally in Jersey Giv was a success. Hague called the mob he has been building and had his police protect a meting overwhelmingly favorable a composition.

Coughlin's Tactics

The only trouble-a trouble exaggrated by some papers-was made ws comparitively small group of ying toughs who gathered to boo me near the tube station to which walked unescorted by any police. hed, the latter ostentatiously gaared the young toughs on the e, I suppose, that earlier I ind refused an escort.

No particular harm was done and episode was unimportant, or mber was important as illustrator the absence of a real sponmong mob in Jersey City, Except r one thing. And that was the at that this small crowd of young mediums was nearly identical with

reserves. is other words, as in Philadelpushed, in and various parts of New 2. The beginning of a case by

Fascist tactics against meet- or credit to work to stimulate furnish the headquarters and inwhich they neither understand new productive activity-a job tensify Socialist and anti-Fascist withe. I have written an open which private capital is notably work in the neighborhood, which wher (printed on this page) to the failing to perform. A. A. Berle, is known as a center for Coughlinme priest asking him plainly Jr. gave significant testimony on Social Justice propaganda and was where he stands on civil liberties. this point, testimony which has recently flooded with Fascist and

Civil Liberties The reconstituted Supreme 'Pope who so extravagantly blessed Franco's soldiers as "saviors of the Christian ideal" almost at the

Debs School Court has done a good sea-wery moment that the patient Quakers said that Franco took the wat like a supreme legisla-is children and compelled those Smashed by the to override Congress on whom he permitted to get Quaker Hooligans

than the lower courts. The. Before the so-called monopoly gene opinion was much the best investigating committee two really and should be the prevailing significant things are being developed: ·

Hague himself bowed to the 1. Some inquiry, too long dement, at least as long as public layed, into the unnecessarily high mention was centered on him. The costs of life insurance to policy

> Vote on War Intelligent lovers of peace

will fight for the LaFoilette amendment now before the senate which would authorize a popular vote on war: and against the Hull neutrality plan embodied in the Bloom bill, which would tie up American prosperity with the belligerents who could come and get American arms, and would give the president dangerous power to put us in war by arbitrary delineation, on his sole authority, of "combat zones."

The Hull proposals are dis ingenuously framed to help England and France. They would also help Japan;

te group which had earlier been holders, and the dangerous degaree

alarms. ler, so in Jersey City it is self- left wing New Dealers for direct immediately after the discovery of Coughlin followers who government action to put money the vandalism, began plans to re-

Vandals Wreck New York Office: Arrests Unlikely

NEW YORK - Striking hard at the spearhead of anti-Fascist ac-

tivity in New York's W. Fourteenth st. area, hoodlums one night recently broke into the headquarters of the Debs' Labor school, smashed typewriters, destroyed and scattered card-index files of the school's students, slashed upholstered chairs with an icepick, thre anti-war and Spanish Loyalist posters from the wall and destroyed a Socialist branch banner and two red flags.

It was estimated that between \$200 and \$250 in damage was done to the Socialist school, which shares a large auditorium and two small offices with the Greenwich village and Chelsea branches of the Socialist party and with the Socialist Review, party theoretical

organ. Like' Hitler's Nazi gangs, the hooligans, afraid to face the Socialists in open battle, smashed their way into the headquarters through

a rear window in the dead of night. Before leaving the headquarters, and giving away Father of economic control in the hands the yandals turned on all water Complin's Social Justice at our of the companies with their huge taps, Gooding a jewelry store two This inquiry must be flights below and setting off police

Socialists, arriving on the scene here that letter will get pub- moved Gen. Hugh Johnson and anti-Semitic stickers.

Vandals Demolish S. P. Office

Norman Thomas (center) shown leaving victorious Socialist rally in Jersey City, where public

meetings have been barred by Mayor Hague for more than a year. Thomas was the principal

lic meetings and free speech.



FLINT-Shortly after the Ameri- (and only 350, workers in all Flint, toward resumption of bargaining can Federation of Labor chartered supported the strike in any way, with the CIO committees in such the Homer Martin rump group of some merely staying away because key plants as Fisher Body in Flint auto workers, thousands of CIO men were "picketing" the plants. All plants, however, operated norworkers gathered here to clamp maily after the first day. the lid on the coffin of the dual

Bosses Lenefit

speaker at a monster meeting (crowd: 10,000) celebrating the supreme court's recent 5 to 2 de-cision denying Hague the right to suppless pub-

Cheers for Thomas . As the echoes of the cheers from the crowd died away, Thomas ders all along. replied: "Three cheers for Jersey City back in the United States."

man Thomas."

"No supreme court decision by itself," the national chairman of with pride as an example of what other Coughlin supporter. democracy at its best can do for

me'n. of the supreme court decision. have had their democratic rights more firmly established are now under a special obligation to use these rights for the peaceful and orderly vindication 'of justice, of

industrial as well as political democracy, of freedom from the explointer, whatever name he bears. "We have done what we can. Now the fight is in your hands." The meeting, sponsored by the Workers' Defense league and the

This apparent move toward American Civil Liberties commit-

Journal Square meeting of June 12 when 10,000 jubilant people turned out to hear Norman Thomas and other speakers celebrate the 5 to 2 decision of the United States Supreme Court killing Mayor Hague's rulings against public meetings and free speech. As Thomas rose to speak from off." Hays, after reminding Hague the sound truck in almost the that he had stated some months same spot where Hague's hood- ago that such a meeting as this

That's the good news here now, following the monster

iums pelted him with eggs and one could not be held without be-Hague's police evicted him from Jersey City last year, Arthur Gar- ing broken up by a mob; anfield Hays, famed attorney for the nounced: "All right, where's your mob?"

American Civil Liberties union, mob?" called for "three cheers for Nor- Hoodlums Scarce That the boodlums were not on

hand Monday night shows that they have been under Hague's or-

SOCIALIST PARTY IS FOR-

A Farmer-Labor Party.

Fascism.

Thomas Hails Defeat

Of Hague's Gag Rule

Before 10,000 People

Organizing Campaigns Opened as

JERSEY CITY-Hague is not the law!

Result of High Court's Decision

Workers Front Arainst Was,

Extension of Labor's Rights. Freedom for Colonial Peoples.

Democracy Through Socialism.

Price Five Cents

Salesmen of Father Couglin's Social Justice had to be chased away from the platform during the early part of the meeting. When William Callahan of the the Socialist party continued, "can Catholic Worker spoke, a cry from make Jersey City the kind of the crowd, "That's a Communist community to which we can point paper," led to the eviction of an-

As Norman Thomas and Dorothy the happiness and well-being of Dunbar Bromley, columnist for the New York Post, walked toward the subway station to return to "But the people who, by reason New York, they were followed by f the supreme court decision a crowd composed mainly of supporters of Father Coughlin and salesman for his paper. A Univer-

sity of Columbia student turned 'Turn to Page Two, Column Three





Victory Rally in Hagueland

SOCIALIST CALL

Official Organ of the Socialist Party of the United States

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and the huge Chevrolet plants here.

ee, also heard Roger Baldwin, di-

even private critics to paroxysms restation of Coughlin by his of denunciation. Senator Mead of Socialist sympathizers for funds to union. Catholic. Dr. John Lapp, New York has introduced a bill reconstruct the auditorium and pfman of the Keep America Out providing for Sovernment insur-War Congress delivered over ance of bank loans to small busi- fight. addo in Chicago will get wide ness up to 90 per cent of the total multion. Coughlin's tactics pre- That's only the first step. Oth-in the way for Fascism. er measures are reported to be in

motar as the Pope opposes preparation for even more direct totalitarianism he serves use of government credit to stima came of decency and freedom, ulate new enterprises and new The mame thing is more conspicu- production. my true of the Pastor Niemoeller whe the narrowness of his the-State Capitalism

But one can have little confine in the anti-Fascism of a

Guard Relief

Der Sir:-

Congress gave the TVA the was rush by refusing to prodit it to purchase private iptinies, Marbe the senate will force he house to back down. New let's De on guard that WPA and relief don't get simhe reactionary treatment. To try to protect relief hom relief and racketeering • pood, but no one has a ight under cloak of virtue to mud a measure desperately moded by 11 to 13 million Americans unemploged brough no fault of their own.

proach. state capitalism rather than Socialism. And whether they adopted. will lead to Socialism rather than a Fascist type of collectivism depends upon the alertness, intelligence and genuine democracy of the workers (in the fullest sense of that word), as well as on the provisions of the proposed laws. A divided labor movement plus the Democratic party as that party is revealing itself will not be sufficient guarantee that we shall move toward a co-operative com-

tarian state.

Thomas Demands Coughlin

Condemn Young Hoodlums

Illinois Jobless \$120,000,000

The general idea isn't bad. Insupport for a program of adequate deed, something must be done to

break the present jam which Holds back the waters of abundance. Commons June 10. But everything depends upon the

details of the proposed laws and the spirit and nature of the gov ernment which operates them. Mr. Berle's suggestions ap-

Speakers included Edward Adams, member of the executive board of the Illinois Workers' atliande, who spoke on "A Program for Providing Jobs": Joel Hunter. director of the United Charities, The Relief Situation in Illinois" Charles F. Wills, member of the executive board of the Chicago Federation of Labor, "A Program of Tax Reform"; and D. H. Mackleman of the Metropolitan Housmonwealth rather than a totaliing council, "Housing in Chicage."

Prof. Maynard Krueger of the University of Chicago, member of the Socialist party NEC, summed Martin's failure to take any strike Representatives of CIO, AFL volved in the strike plan. and railroad brotherhoods were

Whatever doubt there was about the issues was quickly dispelled

WW YORK-Norman Thomas, of this group with those who ming his victory rally address earlier had been vociferously spil-Way City where he was boned 'ing or giving away at the meeting Coughlinites, made public the your paper "Social Justice." (By

oresent.

ming letter to the radio priest: the way, its leading article developed General Moseley's fascistic complaint that the army was not

Ton have a great power in American opinion. You used against "the reds.") "Now this Jersey City experience Monsly assert your right tothis your ideas in the press was not unique. Groups professing to be your followers have vio-I on the air. With this we lently broken up out-door meetbilieve in democracy and civil ings. I am reliably informed, in its cornerstone do not the Bronx, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and elsewhere, quite in European

What troubles us is that so black and brown shirt style. y of your professed followers Cites Other Cases a leaders in denying or trying to "I myself witnessed the amazing wy these rights to others. And exhibition of your followers at a this, thus far, they are enhearing before the board of eduwaged, or at least not rebuked, cation in New York City in favor

of closing the schoolhouses to dis-The fact was forcibly brought By attention the night of the cussions of "controversial issues." Yet the same crowd pickets radio control civil liberties rally in stations very nosily in your behalf truy City. In spite of the detrate creation of what may and does it in the name of free speech!

be called Hague's mob, .n. "These things are bad enough in We of a year's incitement to themselves. They are worse in the tence, the meeting was ungislight of their parallel to the rise "led. Indeed Mayor Hague of totalitarian dictators in Europe to the supreme court and "I do not hold you responsible Pre police protection to public for all the merchants of "Social weches by men whom he had Justice" may do, or for the young The crowd was in overwhelmhoodlums who may attach themselves to your cause. I do hold Majority .friendly. It was a you responsible. however, if when witning victory. the matter is brought to your

Fascist Actions such minor disturbance as to defend this interference with The was at the meeting, and such America's democratic practices or

ty small demonstration as by silence condone it. Thade against me when I "Your name and fame make this that, unescorted by the police. a matter of such importance that the tube station, was the work I am releasing this letter to the a comparatively small group of press in' the full assurance that

attention, you use your influence

Meeting Demands the rump movement called a strike

CHICAGO-A conference of 65 civic and labor leaders to mobilize

relief and socially useful public works was held in the Chicago

Resolutions calling for \$120,000.-000 for relief, for the Casey Murray bill which would stabilize WPA down. employment at 3,000,000 jobs, for centralized relief under civil servthem people who thought the CIO ice and against the sales tax were was on strike, since Martin's forces

passed this word around The 'strike" had no effect elsewhere in Flint; it did have some effect in the Grey Iron foundry in Saginaw, but this plant did not shut down either. After the strike was called Martin belatedly issued some demands, the chief of which was sole bargaining tights for his union and a flat statement that the strike was directed against General Motors

and the CIO. Workers Enraged Many workers were enraged at

vote or even consult the locals in-

Women Resist



Renowned for their militancy, the wives of striking auto workers

The employers, just having lost In the face of rapid progress in a decisive battle in the Briggs sitfices and carry on the anti-Fascist key auto fields by CIO forces, justion, took full advantage of the of regional General Motors coun-Martin found himself with an AFL so-called strike. They played it jup cils made ip of elected shop repas a jurisdictional dispute. They charter and little else. He was desrefused to "take sides." Setting a perate. Suddenly, without notice precedent for future CIO strikes, to key men in Martin's own or- state and local police were called tors plants. ganization or to the management, into Flint to help the men go to work.

> General Motors declared that it in General Motors plants. It was would, not recognize either side intended to center in Flint and exbut would leave to the courts the tend to other places. question of which union General Little Success

> Motors shall deal with. However, the only place it made Thomas, U. A. W. president, any real impression was in the promptly replied that the General Fisher |Body plant in this city, Motors workers and not the courts where several key men struck, would decide and had decided what thereby dausing the plant to shut union they belong to and want to About 300 of the 3,000 represent them. workers failed to report: many of General Motors Policy Cosnge

Probably out of disgust with the rresponsible tactics of Martin's UAW-CIO. outfit, General Motors, wrote let-

R. J

ters to Martin and Thomas, dediaring that in plants where there were rival bargaining committees, the company would meet with the officers and discuss the matter of bargaining.

North American

Committee Hit in

Thomas Statement

The following statement by

Norman Thomas has the

unanimous indorsement of the

Socialist Party Committee on

International Labor Solidarity.

This was obviously the first step the union.

recognition of CIO committees by resentatives who now control UAW-CIO policy in General Mo-

> **Reuther Leads** In addition, these councils have

chosen a 25-man high command to set national policy; this council, in turn, has chosen a five man com-Motors department, which is head-

ed by Walter Reuther. A vigorous program for General that "the center of the controversy Motors workers and a specific se- has been the right of the CIO to ries of demands for the tool and organize in Jersey City." die workers, who are now preparing the 1940 models, has been pre-

being pushed aggressively by the ings there'll be no cameras and no The basic goals of the UAW CIO the law can't do?"

Only a few scattered incidents in General Motors plants have Only a few scattered incidents been established as the six-hour took place to disturb the peaceful day and five-day week, a guaran- re-establishment of the rights of teed annual living wage and com- free speech and assemblage, susplete recognition of the bargaining pended by Hague over a year ago. machinery and steward system of | Hague obviously had passed the word down to his gang to "lay

rector of the ACLU; Arthur Gar-General Motors followed a series field Hays; Morris Milgrim, secretary of the Workers' Defense league of New Jersey; Rev. George Hollingshead . chairman of the WDL of Hudson county; William Callahan, managing editor of the Catholic Worker; Rabbi Benjamin Plotkin; Rev. Archey D. Ball and Rev. John Hutchinson.

> Test Ahead Milgram Balilwin and Thomas

all raised the question of trade mittee to assist the UAW General unionism in relation to civil liberties.

Milgram reminded the throng

"The test still lies ahead when the unions start to organize," sented to the management and is Thomas stated. "At other meetpublicity. Will the mob do what

Hague of Jersey Olty, chastin

by a U. S. supreme court decision prohibiting his anti-labor regime from interfering with meetings or leaflet distribution.

ate overhead costs and the as

surances that the American

Friends (Quakers) would handle

the distribution of relief in

During negotiations we withheld

any public statement because we

appreciated the desperate mood of

the refugees and the value of much

refugee camps in France.

Socialist Party Maps Campaign for Greater Aid to Spanish Refugees

ganizations and committees with son Villard, chairman, is concenwhich the Socialist party is in di- trating on help to large groups such rect contact.

do not want to send money through present setup have been discrimany political party, we strongly inated against. They are not the urge that they make one or other beneficiaries of the very considerof the following organizations their able sums of Spanish money which

distributing agency: not at present openly making a

general campaign for funds but Among the many tragedies they are exceedingly active and exof the world, none is greater ceedingly efficient in the fair disthan the plight of some 400,- tribution of them. Funds should be designated for "Spanish 000 Spanish Loyalist refugees Refugees" and will be scrupulously still held in concentration used for that end.

(2) Trade unions may make camps in France. Efforts are some use of the Trade Union combeing made to find homes for mittee for Spanish Relief, 3 W. them in other countries. Sixteenth st., New York city. This. Meanwhile, French provision committee is now making no active campaign at all, but it is composed for them in the camps is desof well-known trade unionists and perately bad. it is transmitting funds through

Various agencies, however, are the International Federation of allowed by the French government Trade Unions with especial referto operate in the camps to improve ence to the needs of Spain's heroic conditions. It is the business of trade unionists, especially those en-Socialists to do all that lier in their rolled in the U. G. T. (general unpower directly and by stimulating ion of workers).

community enterprises in towns Other Groups and cities where they live, to bring We also recommend strongly the relief to these victims of Fascist splendid work done, by the Concruelty. We urge action; direct federated Spanish societies. In loaction by Socialists and action to calities where a branch of these interest larger groups in your comsocieties is active, we urge that nunities in this cause. other Americans co-operate with No Overhead

them. They are to be trusted in Funds sent directly by Socialists the raising and the distribution of or by groups which Socialists or funds.

ganize to Paul Allen, secretary of There are also other committees the International Labor Solidarity engaged in special phases of relief other facts, we asked guarantees [published soon in the CALL and

through one or another of the or- st. New York city; Oswald Garrias the Caballero Socialist, Anar-Where community organizations chist and Poumists, who under the

Negrin is believed to still control. (1) The American Friends' Sery- About any other particular comice committee, 20 S. Twelfth st., mitee; one of our subcommittee Philadelphia, Pa. The Quakers are would be glad to answer inquiries.

> contains among its sponsors and members many eminent' people, who are of course not Communists. but so far our efforts have failed to arouse these non-Communists to the importance of putting the

The International Labor Solidarity committee is mapping out plans for a campaign in behalf of Spanish refugees. Full details will be

of the work which had been done We do not recommend continued Socialist co-operation with the Spanish Refugees' campaign which is being conducted by the North American committee and the medical bureau. Socialists emphatically should use other agencies. Partisan Control The North American committee

active management of the committee in America and the distribution of funds in Europe beyond the possibility of partisan control. It will

to us too great. The tragic conflict of Loyalist forces in Madrid at the end of the heroic struggle emphasized the Communist control of the North American committee. Actually that committee delayed relief shipments at that time because of the non-Communist control in Madrid. Knowing this and

by the committee. Moreover, we hoped to get adequate reforms. We have, however failed to get satisfactory guarantees on the subject of control and now feel that the time has come when we should make definite recommendations to Socialists that in every possible case they co-operate with other organizations than the North merican committee. Aid can far better be sent through other agencies which we have recom-

mended. We refrain from seeking general newspaper publicity at this time in the matter lest our statement do more harm in restricting relief than good in exposing Communist party tactics.

We believe that enough has been done in the North American committee to guarantee that the funds raised, minus a high overhead, will be remembered that the degree of be used for refugees. We do not Communisti control in the North believe with equal assurance that American committee always seemed all sorts of refugees will be reached

with the same impartiality, or that the direct significance of relief as an aid to the Communist cause. rather than to any general humanitarian or anti-Fascist cause, will

be completely avoided.







New Leaflet, New

Supporters Spur

Committee Formed

To Push Campaign

CHICAGO-The Du Quo'n

national support behind efforts to

Southern Illinois mine strife, it

was announced by Loren Norman,

Publication of a new leaflet on

the case, formation of a national

committee to help push the cam-

paign and the addition of 20 tra le

the committee's work for the week.

Pres. Reid Robinson of the In-

his union had sent letters to Gov-

ernor Horner of Illinois asking

director.

on charges growing out of the Albers.

Through Nation

Du Quoin Defense

Socialist Party Clarifies Stand On War Measures

Stresses Workers Action in Fight **Against Fascism**

The following statement, Munich pact. Following the conist Party and passed by the attempt to create a system of al-National Executive Commit-National Executive Commit- Poland, the U. S. S. R. and the tee, is an interpretation of the small Balkan nations directed at and a re-statement of the So- creasing conflict between the two tions, boycotts and embar- ances for avowed war-making purgoes in the light of present- poses. There is absolutely no hope day developments:

The Socialist party has refused to support any system of alliances of one set of nations directed at another nation or group of nations. When this was called collective Wis., said:

"Centered in the League of Nations, a collective security program has for two decades captured the imagination and caught of the peace and labor move-Its advocates insisted ments. that through the league machinery, world peace could be achieved without any shift from capitalism to a Socialist system. But increasingly these unrealistic peace workers have been con-

founded by events. "Not only did the League of Nations see treaties of military assistance, based on the old-time balance of power philosophy, entered into openly and secretly among its leading powers; not only did it come to see its provisions defied at its own council table; but eventually it reached the point where, in deference to imperialistic compulsions, there was open trading among many of the league nations entirely outside the leggue to which they were pledged, and even cynical attacks on the league by some of its most prominent spokesmen.

"Even if capitalist governments could be counted on to work against Fascism, collective security in our present-day world would mean lining up a part of the world to make war, if necessary, on the rest. Its practical application is a revival of the

Sailors Ask

long made war inevitable." Alliances for War

the steps was a member of the old systems of alliances which so Young Communist league. "He told me that he and some of his friends had thought they ought to come to the meeting,"

The possibility of any peace- Miss Bromley reported, "even if making collective security com- the Communist party had boy-

pletely collapsed at the time of the cotted it.. It is a healthy sign that a young Communist came to Nordrafted by the national Anti- quest of Czechoslovakia by Ger- man's defense when he was de-War Committee of the Social. | many, Great Britain launched an fending civil liberties."

Though the American League for Peace and Freedom and the Kenosha anti-war resolution Germany and Italy. The ever in- International Labor Defense were represented at the first commitcialist position on war, sanc- sets of empires now is settling tee meeting to plan the celebration, down into cold bald military alli- the Communist party and its the Communist party and its front organizations refused to support the rally.

The day following the meeting,

despite the fact that Norman

Thomas and the victory rally

were front page news in papers

throughout the East, the Daily Worker published not a single line.

This has been characteristic of the

C. P. during the year-long struggle.

Victory in

four flights of stairs.

Jersey City

Continued From Page Que protest some of the remarks

the mob and was thrown down

In her column next day, Miss Bromley reported that the Columbia student who was thrown down

of peace, of the lessening of nationalism, of an increase of freedom and democracy in the modern world through this revival of the old pre-war system of alliances. In the United States, that secsecurity, the national convention tion of American capital dominated of the Socialist party at Kenosha, by the Morgan financial interests has for years wanted closer diplo-

country.

posals. They are:

action against them.

The International Ladies' Garmatic, military and financial relament Workers' union and the CIO tions between the United States now. contemplate a vigorous drive government and the British em- to organize Hudson county. A CIO pire. Today they have found an mass meeting is being planned up the hopes of large sections ardent friend in the Roosevelt ad sometime during the next two ministration. Many liberals along weeks to get the campaign under with the Communist party who way. desperately seek some method to The state committee of the Souse capitalist governments in the cialist party has assigned Milt fight against Fascism now advo-Friedman to head an organizing

cate a policy in accord with the committee for Hudson county. major financial interests of the Herman Matson, of Hoboken, is now serving on the committee. A battel has been won-but the The fact that England, France and the United States are aligned real fight, is just getting under

because of imperialist interests way. against the Fascist powers have revelation of the investments led many people, concerned over the aggressions resulting from the Prime Minister Chamberlain Fascist imperialism of Germany, German war industry. To embar Italy and Japan, to become advogo goods to Fascist nations and to cates of various types of governallow free flow of war materials to mental action in the hope that they the "democratic" capitalist nations would not necessarily stop wa will be of aid to the anti-Fascist struggle. trade with the Fascist nations. Un

In the United States, the drive der the present organization o to align the United States behind world economy, these governments the British empire is taking three can secure the needed material legislative forms. The American from neutral states with which the people now are being agitated to United States trades. support one or all of these pro-

So long as any nation is allowe to buy war materials in the Unit 1. Empowering the president to ed States, there exists the prob select "treaty violators" and take ability of transshipment of goods t the Fascist nations. Unilateral em 2. Placing of war trade on a bargoes would actually give the cash and carry basis. neutral Scandinavian nations, and

3. Unilateral action against Ger-England and France, power to demany. Italy and Japan in the form cide whether or not they want to of government embargues. permit the transshipment of war

The adoption of any of these pro- material bought in the United posals as a foreign policy for the States to Fascist states. This would United States would mean tying it be giving England and France auinto the Anglo-French set of em- thority to determine how America's



President R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), seated, and President W. P. Brown of the Briggs Manufacturing company, sign a year's

Bay State S. P. Opens Drive on Invasion **Of Political Rights**

days of the Bay state.

referendum petitions

ballot.

ircles.

WORCESTER, Mass. -- Massa- nority political rights and demochusetts Socialists met in this city cratic procedure being carried out June 11 at the Harding st. hall under aristocratic Governor Saltonof the Workmen's Circle in a spirited state convention which stall. The convention, which registered mapped an intensive fight against distinct rise in Socialist conthe systematic restriction of mi-

tion on the part of the United States would not result from the government's desire to aid China's fight against imperialism.

Proof of this is the manner in which the state department has intervened in the Mexican situation on behalf of American and British oil interests. Intervention would result from too much Japanese pressure on American interests.

For Workers' Sanctions

The' Socialist party makes a distinction between consumers' boycott and government embargo, between independent working class action and governmental embargo, between independent working class action and action of a capitalist government.

When the people as consumers initiate boycott action, they can control it. When workers Enrougn ir trade unions re

contract with exclusive bargaining rights. The agreementended a 17-day strike in Detroit.

> der the experienced direction of Leo Vernon. Both finance and organization plans | tall for employment of a state organizer at an early date.

international. The convention disposed of rather complete reports from constitution committee by Albert Sprague Coolidge, resolutions by Carl Walz and organization finance and propaganda by Mary Felton.

Arthur G. McDowell of Chicago, cialist Party, was the guest speak - sored by the Workers' Defense er of the convention. He empha-

sized two main developments, national and international, as pre-

session in place of the traditional First, the international and naannual session and the concentration of power in the hands of the small governor's council, remnant of the less democratic colonial ognition of the essential kinship

Of particular interest to Socialists and organized labor, of course. is the impending referendum fight the Russian revolution is. related to repeal the new 3 per cent elec- more closely to the nationalist slature without publicity by the Czarist empize than to Socialism Saltonstall regime which increases and the international workers nearly 50 times the requirements movement, McDowell stressed, was for getting Socialist and other mi- so far most dramatically expressed nority party tickets on the state in the turn of the liberal and radical intellectuals as shown in the

The securing of signatures for recent rise of the Committee for he referendum petitions will be Cultural Freedom.

an important summer activity of However, the Socialist labor sec-

rganizations that have m the campaign.

The five boys, Olis Bating Sam Berro, Emery Albers, Bat Shingleton and Barney Bo were arrested in April, 199 cused of firing the shot that have ly injured Laverne Miller, held s Miners' Defense committee this communicado, grilled, beaten, week stepped up its drive to rally, raigned for trial before a just fermers on a change of venne summarily sentenced to life term free five boys imprisoned in 1935 for four of the boys, 40 years

Enlarged Board

The executive committee, here fore consisting of Chicagoans in been enlarged. It now include following: Gerry Allard, man; August Hoffman, vice-eb man: Marjorie Kipp, secreta

National Committee

Michigan S. A

Urges Strong

'40 Campaig

FLINT. Mich.-Michigan So

on record for a vigorous So

A state executive committee

The convention also voted

drive for pardons for the five

tinued support of Socialists

building the United Autom

Workers, CIO, "into an incomp

able instrument of the great

The incoming State Bx00

committee was instructed to

The convention pledged the

Quoin boys, -

of auto workers.

on the case to each of the locals A partial list of the net if the committee so desired. committee members includes R Baldwin, Alfred Bingham, E. Bowman, V. F. Calverton. Clendenin, McAlister Colemna John Dewey, Judah Drob, Va Dunne, J. B. S. Hardman, Herstein, Sidney Hock, Laidler, Margaret Marshall, H

tional revolt against Bolshevista and the Progressive Mine Work- sell, Mark. Starr, Upton Sinde whether of the official Stalinist or the opposition varieties. The rec- national committee to date and Wieck and Edward A. Wieck.

of totalitarianism whether Bolshe-vik, Nazi or Fascist and the be-ginning of the understanding that Needle Trades Remember the sinking of the Pa-nay and the action that resulted. to repeal the new 3 per cent elec-nay and the action that resulted. to repeal the new 3 per cent elec-islature without publicity by the Czarist empire than to Socialism Anti-War Council Launched in

NEW YORK - The Needles New York meeting wore Rose h Trades Workers of New York, who sota, international organizar of have historically pioneered in al- ILGWU, Minnie Luris of local most evey new development in the Norman Thomas, Jay Love Socialists, made more difficult by retary insisted that the cult of American trade union movement and Louis Nelson of Knit Ge deliberate delay of the state at-torney general's office which has control over the preparation of the ranks as among the radical intel-with the formation of the Needle the new organization.

union and fraternal organizations Francis Heisler, legal to its list of supporters highlighted Loren Norman, director, and Ba ben Soderstrom, president of Illinois Federation of Labor; D ternational Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers joined the na-Reed, president of the Progress Mine Workers of America: tional committee, announced that Edmundson, president of Dis 12. United Mine Workers (III) John Battuello, PMW board that the boys be pardoned and for- ber; Travers Clement, national and

warded to the committee a list of retary of the Socialist party; O all Illinois locals affiliated with his erine De Rorre, women's aux leader; Prof. Maynard Kr Arthur G. McDowell, Georg **Robinson** Co-operates Reid, Charles Rossio, Lillian President Robinson also said he

and Ina White. would he happy" to write a letter

.The leaflet published this week national labor secretary of the So- by the committee, which is sponleague and the Chicago Ex-Coal Miners' club, is an attractive fourpage job, with a picture of the five planned to fight the introduction of the Socialist party movement cerpts from letters, a copy of the socialist party movement cerpts from letters, a copy of the socialist is in the social state legislative among American workers joint statement issued by the old Pritchett, Reid Robin United Mine Workers of Illinois James Rorty, Charles Edward In



Lundeberg Warns **Board**; Troubles Grow for N. M. U.

SAN FRANCISCO - Accusing the National Maritime commission of attempting to break unions, Harry Lundeberg, president of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific. last week informed the commission that the SUP would insist that all seamen on a proposed transpacific placing the might of America's shipping line operated by the government must be hired through the union.

The commission has demanded States shipping commissioner. Declaring that he was in favor sion should have more leeway than in Europe. private operators.

treasurer of the NMU, was susunion funds.

In addition, the Gulf district of offices in the Gulf district.

tivity continued in the prisons of perament.

of which, two groups became dis-irations.

the Spanish state and in the lands i

of exile, the Spanish people per-

sisted in their demand for a

re-establish republican legality.

tinct: the left and the right.

theoretical conviction.

Spain Divided

pire protecting alliances. Support economic power is to be used in of any of these three proposals world politics. means support of the government's imperialist aspirations as well as the military machine which necessarily accompanies them. Misused Power

in the hands of a president who the president. with such power under the present

the Morgan financial interests. The second proposal is not neuthat crews be hired from lists of trality and does not stop the flow men registered with the United of war materials. The principle of cash and carry means that the resources of the country are placed of the American merchant marine at the disposal of the Dig navy nat the present neutrality law would being built up, Lundeberg added tions. This means Japan in the have acted at least partially to that he did not feel the commist Far East, and England and France meet these three needs. It would

Unilateral action is in a slightly Meanwhile dissention wracked different category. It is urged that not have affected China's, military the National Maritime union, as the government in peace - time needs because of the small quantity Jerry King, national secretary- should embargo the Fascist nations. In the first place, such legpended for 99 years after convic- islation is not unilateral. It will tion by a trial committee on actually result in a form of colcharges of acting in collaboration lective security aligning the United Far Eastern situation. With powwith shipowners and labor spies. States behind British foreign pol-King's conviction grew out of loy. In the second place, it is a there is no guarantee of the autocharges based on a "confession" step that will lead to American matic application of neutrality proby Walter Carney, former NMU participation in war as an ally of visions. Likewise, the present neuofficial now in jail for misusing England and France, because it trality law exempts secondary was sets a war process in motion.

the NMU approved proposals of a non-military character can be strengthened to be of real aid which virtually make it a separate taken against the Fascist nations, against Japan. organization. Their proposals in- the logic of such action is likely One thing is clear about the apcluded disregard of the national to be war, particularly under the committee of the union on the present administraiton. In the Japan. An embargo against Japan grounds that it is Communist- third place, embargo action on the would mean strengthening the dominated. refusal to pay dues to part of the United States govern- hand of American imperialism in the national union, publication of ment does not stop the internation. the Far East. It would increase the national union, publication of ment does not stop the internation- the Far East. It would increase short of war" such as embargoes People's Socialist league in the Peter Wartianen of Fitchburg. an independent paper, and re- alism of war trade. A current ex- the tensions existing as the result or government action against Fas- state. The party summer school Walter Hutchins of Greenfield,

ture of Spain. While political ac- spond to the Spanish racial tem-

the moderate Republicans to the ed more by the strong personality

whole gamut of reactionaries who was, in short, the archaic temperu-

were against the republic and es- ment of the Spaniard, surrounded

In the meanwhile, each party to the influences of numberials

alliances brought about by the other, by invasions from every

circumstances constituted an "un- latitude, which had not yet crys-

avoidable obligation" but not a tallized into what can be designat-

Favors Nye Bill 🥣 In opposition to any of the meas. ures listed above, the Socialist party supports the Nye-Bone-Clarl bill providing for absolute neutral-The first proposal means placing ity and taking power to determine complete power for war or peace foreign policy out of the hands of

Many people, worried over the neutrality legislation has used it war materials being bought in the against democracy as in the case United States by Japan, are urging of loyalist Spain. To increase Pres- an embargo' against Japan.' The ident Roosevelt's power means arguments against unilateral action outlined above hold in the case of military and economic resources Japan as well. However, the Sobehind the foreign investments of cialist party has three concerns in the Far Eastern struggle: Keeping America out of war, aiding China's struggle against foreign imperialist domination, and fighting American imperialism in the Far East. We believe that the application of

have stopped the flow of actual war materials to Japan and would

of actual war materials now being bought in the United States. The defects of the present neu-

trality law are shown best in the er in the hands of the president materials except in certain cases

Though some government action For these reasons it must be

plication of an embargo against

The Second Spanish Republic

fuse to handle war materials, their action can be directed in the interests of workers in other lands. Consumers' boycott and independent workers' action can be made an expression of international Socialist and working class solidarity. They are steps in building the kind of international institutions that can be substituted for the nationalism of capitalism. Government action of capitalist governments promotes nationalism. There must be no confusion between workers' sanctions | and government sanctions. Workers' sanctions mobilize the workers for the struggle against war and Fascism and train workers in the use of their own power. Urging workers to support government sanctions will mean giving authority to the capitalists to act as they please,

Socialists want to see workers trained to overthrow capitalist nationalism, not to depend upon it to do what it will not and cannot do-act in the interests of peace and democracy. If action is taken by a capitalist government, the controlling factor becomes capitalist foreign policy, not the interests of the workers.

In this time of international crisis and military alliances, Socialist and labor anti-war agitation will of necessity have to be directed more and more at capitalist governments. As alliances tighten and become more truly military in character and as war crisis follows crisis, actions of all governments are tuned to the possibility. of war. In this period, Socialists

who oppose capitalism in peacetime, must lay; the basis for opposition to capitalism in war-fime. groups who desire war or "actions moval of all Communists from ample of the internationalism of of a conflict of American and Japa cist nations will hinder the fight neaor Goshen will be repeated this William Ahern and Louis Epstein war trade and investment is the nese economic interests. Intervent to keep America out of war.

ectuals Full delegation attended the con- short,

vention from Lopals Boston-Cam-The other factor the speaker inbridge, Worcester, North Adams, sisted was the beginning of the dis-New Bedford, Dorchester-Roxbury, illusionment of the workers and Easthampton and Greenfield. other allied layers of the popula-YPSL fraternal delegates were tion with the limitations of the present from Springfield, New social-democratic capitalist reform Bedford and Hampshire, county program of the New Deal which Keep America Out of War con-

State Secretary Alfred Baker problem of the restoration and instate executive committee, sketched ing of unemployment.

the wide range of Socialist action With these two developments in the period since the last conclearing objective obstacles out of vention. The political campaign of the way the national office repre-1938. last year's successful sumsentative stressed the measures mer school at Goshën, former state which the national organization organizer Clare Pineo's work up was presenting for the rebuilding intil his resignation at beginning of the literature, education and of 1939, propaganda and education propaganda work of the party, meetings, and activity and good and particularly the local and service of Socialists in the trade branch sustaining fund for the mion field, including the Interna-Socialist Call through which it is ional Ladies Garment Workers. planned to guarantee improved Writers' Union, Painters, Toy and weekly publication by the begin-Novelty Workers, Ileather Workning of September. rs, Bakery Workers, Textile

The speaker ended on a note of Workers particularly the New challenge to the mettle of Social-Bedford Weavers, teachers and diists upon which the growth of orrect support rendered the seamen's ganized Socialism in the next his knee. strike against Standard Oil, all period will depend.

Resolutions adopted included a In the liberal and auxiliary organizations allied to the labor trade union unity with recognition movement Socialist activity extendof industrial unionism in the mass follow the Needle Trades Workers' ed into the Workers' Defense production industries, intensified league, the League for Industrial anti-war and anti-Fascist agitation, function as membership low-dues-Democracy, the student Christian movement. Massachusetts Civil the state legislature and increase Liberties committee, National Asof young peoples work. The new particular trade. sociation for the Advancement of state executive dommittee is com-Colored People, Spanish aid and posed of Mary Felton, Maurice relief organizations Friends of Wheeler, Charles Hill and Clare German Freedom, Keep America Pineo of Boston, Saul Friedman of Out of War congress, Workmen's Dorchester, William Yates and Circle and Consumers Co-opera-Lester Mike Shulman of New Bedford. William Pineo of Easthamp-

Leo Leopold of Springfield sub- ton, Mary Dickson of Northamp-Association by Socialists with mitted a separate report of the ton, Gil Carpenter of Springfield, considerable progress of the Young Charles Daniles of North Adams, year June 28 to July 9 again un- of Worcester.

des Division of Parallel War council, first vigorous rank fields and trades, and expansion and file organization of unionists of the Needle Trades Division tionally are now being pushed against war.

The event was celebrated at an installation meeting in the Center hotel, New York, June 10, at which Norman Thomas, on behalf of the inevitably was failing to solve the gress with which Labor's Anti-War council is affiliated, presented Lewis, submitting the report of the crease of production and the end- the first membership cards to the temporary officers of the Needles Trades Division in the presence of several hundred members of the

Amalgamated Clothing Workers, International Ladies' Garmont ists, moeting in their regular tual convention here July 18. Workers, Fur Workers and Millinery Workers' unions.

Launched only a few weeks ago, campaign in 1940 for the offic president and vice president of the Needle Trades Division, with United States, stressing I over 600 individual members other points "the class inte signed up, is making steady progand needs of the workers ress. The Needle Trades Anti-War section has their own slogan against those of the employee of "Clothes for the Living, Not Shrouds for the Dead." Their 15. with strong representation membership cards bears the genthe key industrial conters. eral insignia of the whole Labor elected. Anti-War council, that of a figure

of labor breaking the sword across every local and branch in state to pay a minimum of 🛢 It is proposed that the organizathe CALL sustaining fund and tions which are to follow when per cent of its own sustaining call for renewed agitation for steel, automotive, rubber, electriand of the net profits of all m cal, building and other workers raising affairs to the national

lead, will, like the Needle Trades. Additional resolutions called a vigorous agitational cam the support of a race libel law in paying organizations and pick for the freeing of Warren B their slogan as adapted to their and supported the work of the Quoin Defense committee w

The membership cards carry the simple five-point program of the council.

1. International solidarity of workers for collective action of the working class. 2. Against Fascism, Imperial-

ism and war preparations.

3. Opposition to industrial mobilization and universal conscription plans, 4. For a referendum on war.

carly preparations to place the cialist Party of Michigan on the 5. For industrial democracy. The speakers at the enthusiastic ballot.

> By Carlos Hernand Former Secretary, Federation

Transport Workers of Spin

notorious that, in order 🐲 itself from international **d** and help itself afloat, the through the mouth of Dha

launched the slogan of the ular front," which would ser "intransigents" as a new

parties, provided they we first point of contact in all

The popular front on a scale was perhaps "invest

economic aspects. Feverishly, with the passion proper to her southern trated for five centuries, paralyzed

pecially against the working class. by his mountains and submitted lation had fallen at an alarming rate; her race, debilitated, had fought for its own supremacy. The generations followed, one after the more in common with Africa than with Europe. Economically, Spain

lacked strength. Her sources of wealth were in

ed as:"Nation" or "Modern State,"

tion-card in Europe. Spain was not yet a homoge-Three short years brought a rap neous whole, but a union of heterogeneous compariments. Each id regeneration in her cultural and change of government which would province had its own character and dialect, its own customs and Charged with the duty of sub- aspirations. Some regions had mitting the immediate destinies of their own parties and were hardy character, Spain launched herself the country to public consultation, interested in the peculiarities of upon the road to reconstruction Senor Portela Valladares called the others, except for certain She began once more a stage of for national elections, as a result analogies favorable to their aspi- development which had been frus Within the organizations, there

by two civil wars during the nine-The left included everyone from existed tendencies, often represent- teenth century, and cut short un der the first republic by the sword left Communists and the right, the of a man than by a theory. It of General Pavia. During these five centuries Spain

had aged prematurely; the popul-

this colonization belonged to an-

with events significant for the fu- cause Spanish institutions corre- litical revolution of 1931. In one the right to suffer. leap, she obtained her identifical Agony of a Nation

Spain did not live, she sgonized. party vegetated the Republican One coup dietat gave birth to another. It mattered not who made them. Whether civilians or soldiers, the laws existed no longer outside the books. Coteries succeeded one another in alternate of being the fountain-head of powauthority. If, during the fifteenth |er. Where these were masses there century, Spain was an empire, were no men, and where there whole people knew it. during the nineteenth and twentieth she was a colony.

interpreted by all parties without of desiring and not being able, the to the extreme right. All recognized the agony of Spain and all proposed to save her.

Socialist Party

of its tradition, its austerity, and The Proletariat

The year 1936 was a year replete door to all outside association, be- dieval ostracism, thanks to the por was the right to work; in its place practical, and without prospects personality nor the dominant XIII, in 1936, the removal of Alcaia such a result. Its docline to of penetrating into social or labor classes reconcile themselves to the Zamora. centers. To the right of the Socialist loss of their economic superiority. The Popular Front For the Spanish proletariat, the

were reported and analyzed.

live movements.

parties, born of circumstances, pseudo - intellectuals, republican-

ism was devouring itself by reason were men, there were no masses. It was the sternal contradiction

These historical conditions were of to be or not to be, the agony cialism and the reaction on the

The Socialist party, by reason other, represented by "Fascism."

road to power was almost deprived without convictions of their own of obstacles by the course of the most intense intransigence events, while for the incipient Fas-The nursery of intellectuals and cist forces everything was appar- against world, capitalism and

Labor Movement

had to Portela Valladares, a keen. C. I. Splits Workers had to Portela Valladares, a keen. U.1. Splits Workers Moscow, but in Spain it we witted and clever man, under the Official Communism split the proposed by Indalecto Pre

republic, as it had been had to proletariat of the whole world un- politician who, for one re the hands of foreign capital, and tics. On its left revolved the Portela Valladares was operat- Romanones under the monarchy. der the pretext of "its collabora- another, was considered with its own features and charas that which had been saved from Communist party, born of the ing at the center with the purpose But in both situations the solution tion with the bourgeoisie," in order fumbling his way toward for

ently yet to be done. Only resc- which sharpened its dialetics in luteness, through the use of force, opposition to "democratic" Socialwould avoid a road broken and ism, resolved to modify its tactics

itely superior to the republican thorized their negotiations with the distinction, from the extreme left tragedy of the Spanish complex movement and more resolute than Third Reich. As is natural, therewhich placed face to face the two the rightist. As the forces were fore, it commissioned Litvinoff to parties.

The labor movement was infin-

completely antagonistic social drawn up, power belonged to the "criticize" the old diplomacy ins de Prieto's Proposal forces: the producing class on one working class. This was also the structure of the League of Na-side, represented by scientific Su-known to bis entire country. On this account recourse was

The Communist International,

beset with certain difficulties. The imperceptibly within the framework of the most ordinary opportunism.

After sending its ambassadors to the Court of Mussolini, it su-

vently anti-Fascist. establishing initial relation tween the Socalist and Com

ration with all organization

This Stalinist slogan we

parties, preceded by a few # in the youth organizations



Saturday, June 24, 1939

SOCIALIST CALL

Page Three

On the Map With the Socialist Party

Right now if we're to have a real

literature department and service,

what is needed to cover our over-

head, mailing charges, etc., and a very small profit-will be retained.

We shall look forward to a sales

volume which shortly will make

that smail profit on each order

give us a real fund from which we

can begin putting out more and

feature stand in its woy, knowing

small quantities at first. If they

want to build up a fund, they must

Reason For It All

ers.

more of our own publications.

mind to do two things:

isterature Again!

is the previous issue of the Call. i colum ' contained a short item and party literature. It men-the fact that the national is for was going to build up a real mature department "equipped inder a great educational servto every member and unit" of

party. The response to these few lines s shout what might be expected me were to dangle a particularstrory piece of meat before a ticularly hungry lion.1 the national office now faces

NOTE

If news from your state ies not appear or if you he't like the way it is writtes, there is one sure way to muedy matters. Write up ad send in your own news intend of leaving the national fice to wade through reams d committee minutes, state testetins, personal letters, etc... a order to find anything our short what you are doing. Short, locals, branches, etc., hat will send in regular news reports will not only save the ational office a lot of time, ist are bound to get the reaks on publicity. To the pewriters, comrades!

2. PAY CASH IN ADVANCE. pecessity of making good OR No local or branch which wants literature very badly will let this

it must be obvious to every memof the party that literature that it is the only possible way we gring OUR imprint, carrying can operate at present. Locals and R revolutionary message, has branches with no literature fund ser been scarcer than it is today. will probably have to order in iny of our pamphlets are oute have to sell and distribute is train their members to buy

in, fresh and geared to the through the local and branch. eds of the workers today. is also obvious that this lack supply-even if small-of the pubeaset be overcome tomorrow or lications we advertise in the Call. a day after. Even if we had Otherwise, individual members of entry instead of a beautiful defi- the locals and branches will take indiviluals. it would not be possible to to ordering direct from the nathe st series of new Socialist tional office and they will be cut unics by next Monday morning, out of the profits,

How To Begin

The important thing now is that

use question is: "How?" right to exist anyhow.

the national office, state of-information you need to get going. tivities information you need to get going. tivities is, keal and branches-far from It is not much of a list in com-:- can't actually make money it This cannot be done with mesent slipshod methods. It the done only if we plan careyfor it, set up the proper ma- won't last long., ury to handle it, and then go seam ahead

various publishers who allow some most entirely upon local and of them perhaps as large a dis- branch pledges - every local and count as the national office can branch to pledge at least \$1 per get-at least at the outset when month to the Call sustaining fund. it will be forced to order in fairly (3) The national office to build up small quanities. (2) If the nation- its fund by individual pledges. The al office follows the usual proce- only income it is to drive for from dure and sends the stock it gets locals and branches, in additon to on consignment out to the locals that it gets from dues stamp sales, and branches, the machinery will is 10 per cent of the net profits jam right at the start. It might of all party money-raising affairs be possible if we were starting put carried on by the local, branch and

with considerable capital to extend state organizations. credit to locals and branches. But This does not mean, however, we haven't any capital; we're that individuals cannot contribute starting from scratch. When we to the Call or that locals and have a fund, it will be time to re- branches cannot contribute to the consider the matter of credit.

Official Notice

every party unit must make up its The statement by Norman Thomas, page 1, dealing with 1. BUY ALL LITERATURE THROUGH THE NATIONAL OFthe Spanish refuger situation; FICE. This means even in those has the unanimous endorsefew cases in which you might be ment of the international laable to get a better price direct. bor solidarity committee of the The main benefits of all discounts Socialist Party and thereby beobtained by the national office comes an official communicafrom the publishers will be passed tion. on to the locals and branches. Only

Every branch, local and member of the party is expected to pay particular attention to it. All funds are expected to be handled according to the recommendations contained in it. Note that the statement is very clear in regard to the North American Committee to aid Spanish Democracy and the Medical Bureau for Aid to Spanish Democracy.

"We do not recommend continued Socialist co-operation with the Spanish Refugees campaign which is being conducted by the North American committee and the Medical burgau. Socialists emphatically should use other agencies."

national office. What it means is Then they must keep on hand a that the Call is going to confine its appeals specifically to locals and branches; the national office to address its appeals specifically to When money comes in the na-

tional office from any source carmarked for either fund, it will go to that fund-make no mis-

take about that. The national offices doesn't want Some locals send in money regmake a beginning. The imme- this to happen. It is to the inter- ularly to the national office fund. ests of the entire organization that The Washington, D. C. organiza-The usual follow-up of that ques- every unit of the party maintain tion is particularly outstanding in call an appeal for funds. But a good literature supply, build up this respect, as they have a spe-cauch appeal is ever going to dis- a literature fund. It means much cial income tax dues system which rate our literature department if more than any profit can in the makes provision for everything. On e an help it. We have no ob- final analysis. It means raising the other hand, individuals have, the party here or anywhere else, through the party heightening the contributing to the Call fund. The Literature department that political understanding and class main thing we are accomplishing it stand on its own feet has consciousness of American work- by the new plan is to cut down on the overlapping of appeals and

ly from nowhere, Yipsels poured sive student organization at the onto the Grand Concourse. No this University of Wisconsin in Madiday the police, are wondering son was under way as the school where we came from. The sud- term closed last week. Affiliation denness of the approach enabled of the University League for Libus to march for several blocks in eral Action to the American Stufull view of the spectators and marchers. For quite a while our anti-war demonstrations. In Mil-

a Man," and "Uniforms Look Nice

torium, Cleveland.

- 1939. High Point: Mass Meet-

there is no reason under the sun ed below, with prices and all the methods of financing national ac-



Hatters Elect New Officers

Newly elected officers at the third biennial convention of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers' International imion (AFL), left to right:

-Federated Press Photo. Secretary Michael F. Green, President Max Zaritsky and Label Secretary Martin Lawler. The delegates, who met in New York, urged labor peace,

Young Socialists at Work

Anti-War Action Too late for publication in the ast issue of the CALL came news that in Milwaukee, Wis., as well as in New York, young Socialists had participated in Memorial, day

waukee it was the Youth Committee Against War that sent some 20 young people into the parade with anti-war banners after officlais had refused them permission

to participate. The placed of "Keep America Out of War," "Why Be a Soldier Be

On to the Convention!

The Place: Public Audi-

Time. Sept. 1-4, The

ing, Sept. 3, with Norman Thomas. To Be Done:

Elect a convention journal representative. Ad schedules will go out this week.

Send in material for exhibits. If you want hotel accommodations, arrange for

a Workers' World!

More - domplete reports from

New York emphasize the success

At the scheduled time, seeming-

Rothenstein, Dr. E. P. Ryland, and

On June 28, after his return to

California from the Facific North-

west conference, Thomas will ad-

dress a luncheon meeting at the

Morrie Ryskind, Lewis

anti-war demonstration with its colorful placards and pictorial leaflets was the center of attraction. There was much favorable reaction to our demonstration." When Legionnaires broke up the demonstration, they attempted to destroy YPSL leaflets. These were tossed to the crowd, according to instructions, saved and distributed. While Legion brutality was able

painted the line of march night werk arrested.

tancy of the New York league appears in the reasons for the lateness of the Memorial day account. On June 1, immediately following the first demonstration, leaders of the YPSL- who are also members of the Unemployed and Project Workers' union participated in demands upon the Home Relief bureau that relief be granted to **Call Workshop**

The summer hull is upon us but there's no hull in the Socialist Call's busy office. And there shouldn't be any lull out in the field, where the Call hot shots are still chasing subs, still sending in their local contributions to the sustaining fund, still fighting the good fight.

But strenuous efforts are needed to keep the Call's head above water as the summer despens. If you're lucky enough to get a vacation (the Call editor took the first one in his life this week) you needn't forget about the Call. In fact, this occasion when you meet many new people should provide a rich field for new subs, new comtacts, new members. If you don't get a vacation bear

down even harder in your locality

-hot summer evenings are good

C. Gerritsen, Holland, Reba Sulman, S. Klein,

May Contest Winners

Stanley Rappeport,

times to enjoy a good paper-like Kaplan, Bklyn., \$1.50 ("Keep up the good work.")
D.S. L. Torrest, Albany, 50 cents;
Bella Kaplan, Eklyn., 50 cents; Mary Mca-Dowell, Eklyn., 51; Louis Encylor, Cleake-makers Br., N. Y. C., \$5; Anonymous, Bklyn., \$4M Workmen's Circle. N. Y. C., (Jos. Keller), \$3;
B.-Seymour Kopilow, Eklyn., \$3 36 ("The Call lately has improved greatly. Let us march on to a continued improvement of our Call.") M. I. Lannoxk, N. Y. C., \$1; Charles Letson, Utice, \$1; Eddition, N. Y. C., \$1, 50; F. Peocrato, N. Y. C., \$2; Williamsburg Er, Eklyn., \$4, 4

the Call-and a good paper can be made better if all our loyal frienus take the slack out of their slacks and help us take the slack out of our deficit!

The following is a report of receipts from May 20 to June 14 inclusive. (S-Subs; SF-Sust. Fund; B-Bundles; D-Donations; CA-Call Association; A-Advertising.) ARIZONA

LLINOIS

S-Fred Warren, Girard, \$3 (2-year), SF--Bertha Cochran, Wichita, \$1. B-Glenn Müller, Wichita, \$1.

RENTUCKY

S-James Smith, Tucson, \$1. CALIFORNIA

A. I. Salart, Eklyn., \$1; Village Br. N. Y. C., \$5. CA-Bob Delson, N. Y. C., \$5. SF-Williamsburg SR., Eklyn., \$1. CALIFORNIA S-M Katimen, \$1, Chas. Drake, \$1, Chas. Patterspn, 50 cents, Los Angeles; Dr. E. F. Smith, Galt. \$1; Amer. Ras. Found, San Francisco, \$1. B-Sid Bielfiel, Los Angeles, \$1. SF--Central: Branch, Los Angeles, \$1; Jewish Branch, Los Angeles, \$1; Conservation

OHIO S-John Robinson, Ostrander, 50 (credit W. Sellers). CONNECTICUT

OREGON B-Albert Xaufman, Engane, 32.

SF-Alex Read, Bridgeport, \$2. PENNSYLVANIA

S-J. Drob., \$3 3-7 year); H. J. Tonn, Elmhurst, S2 (2-year renewral); M. V. Halushka, Chicago, \$1 (prepaid cards), SF-G. Albright, Waukegan, \$1; K. M. Ward, Downers Grove; \$1; 5th Ward Br., Chicago, \$2. CA-Kate M. Fward, Downers Grove, \$5, D-Kate Da Rorre, Collinsville, \$1; 8, Scaruffl, Chicago, \$1; D. Zanarini, Cirs-ro, 50 cents. KANSAS KANSAS

· WISCONSIN H-Racine Local, \$10 (20'- months); BF-Racine Local, \$2, B-Joe Duchkowitsch, Racine, \$4, D-John Van Hazings, Kenosha, \$5, FOREIGN

B-George Higgs. Puerto Rico, \$2. (I year and 4-10 weeks). ("Forward peace and the democratic socialist con monwealth.")

CIO, AFL in Joint

S. W. W. Wyer, Auburn, \$2 (1-1 year) and (2-6 mon(hs), MARYLAND

against affiliation, and only XCL wa:

S-Paul Wilcox, Waltham, \$1; Wm. Aherz, \$1. SF--Lodal Worcester, Worcester, \$1; Springfield Local, \$1. This was a final step in the organization's decline in militancy. MICHIGAN Prevously the ULLA had refused

S-L. Woodcock, Detroit, \$1 (4-10 week); M. Goldsmith, Detroit, \$4 (4-1 year). SF — Eaton County, Charlotte, \$2; Branch, \$1, Detroit, \$2. MINNESOTA

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW JERSEY

NEW MEXICO

NEW YORK

John Williams, Clovis: \$1.

-Local Clovis, '\$1.

George Banasiak, Jersey City, \$3.

S-Olivia Stark, Winchester, \$1. SF-Jos Freisad, Paducah, \$1. ("We hope that this payment which we will be able to make regularly, will help in a small way the resumption of weekly pub-lication of the Call. You comrades are putting out a swell paper, and we want to see it more often.") **Relief Plea in Illinois** SPRINGFIELD, III. - AFAIN joining hands, the Illinois Federation of Labor and the CIO this week petitioned the state legislature for \$6,000,000 a month for relief. Basing their domands on estimates of future needs made by

the Illinois Emergency Reller commission, the petition signed by the two labor centers and railway unions as well stressed that "in view of continued retrenchment in

congress some 55,000 now employed by WPA in Illinois will have to bedropped within the next month."

The communication was signed by Ray Edmundson, head of the UMW and the CIO in Illinois, and



tion, the main body of Yipsels reassembled about an hour later, with duplicate placards which had been prepared in advance.

Four Arrested

The second demonstration met with no interefernce. However, four YPSI members who had with anti-war slogans the preceding

needy cases, rather than sending of a regent ruling outlawing hand-

dent Union, by a vote of 55 40, with the three observers sent to the na-

to, disperse this first demonstra-

Further indication of the mili-

tion ASU convention all reporting YPSL Needs **Camp Supplies**

The YPSL summer school, to be held in Wisconsin during July and August this year, is in need of all varieties of camp equipment. If you have a tent, a camp lantern, canteens, a car, cots, or any similar equipment, which is in good condition, please write to the national office of the XPSL, 549 Randolph st., and offer to fend it to the camp. If you can donate the supplies, so much the better. The office

Were now in the planning stage ut least one thing is very clear. eder to sell literature, we have should handle, write the national bave it, and except for a very Id stock-we haven't got it. of publisher, sales price of pamph-What we must do right now-in

intion of course to push very mouly the decent literature x we do have or may be able sublish in the near future-is it new material from outside Real Here in the United States throughout the world leaflets, uphlets, books, etc., are being the thousands which we ue. They may not conform why to what we would like to at, they may not hold to one

d line, but we can select those wery definitely promote than do violence to our tic ideas.

MAS We Go.

we want to clear up one point in * national office can, for the connection with the Call and na-A part, get this material on tional office sustaining funds. The Trament and at a very good last issue of the Call contained wont, But now comes the rub, the details of the new financing ather two rubs. (1) Quite a plan, you will remember. The principal points were: (1) icals and branches in recent

In have taken to building up Just two sustaining funds, one for "hure racks on their own and the national office and one for the stablished relations with | Call. (2) The Call to depend al-

you are now getting.

Office Fund

Call and National

That there may be no misunder-

standing in the minds of comrades.



parison with what we hope to pub-Laguna Conference lish in the very near future. Watch Socialists from points as far it change and grow week by week! separated as Massachusetts and But start ordering now!. Some of California are heading for the Lathe items are real bargains and

guna conference, which opens at Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico, on July Special Request 1. The Laguna district, a cotton

and wheat center, is one of the All comrades who have suggeslargest and most significant ex- But Dead Men Don't" were seen tions of special items that we periments in semi-voluntary collecby crowds along nearly the whole tivization of agriculture. Though secretary about them. Give name line of march. it is 236 miles off the beaten path of tourist travel, it is easily let or book, etc. All locals and reached over good paved roads. of the YPSL demonstration there: comrades who have been getting The purpose of the conference is their material direct from publishfor special study of collectivized ers, give us details of what arfarming, co-operative education, socialized medicine, etc., the region rangements you have, what dismitte." Among the many sponsors counts you have been able to obare: offering a laboratory experiment tain, etc. Let's try a little collecin these various fields. Peasant tive bargaining ourselves. Maybe Fiske Hammond, Helen Marston leaders, officials of the socialized the national office can get better Beardsley, Dr. Oliver Carlson, Kate credit and medical systems and terms than you do and pass onto Crane Gartz, H. Stone Hull, Rev. Mexican educators will address you as much or more profit than Allan Hunter, Peter M. Kahn, the conference, but the emphasis Hugh Macbeth, Mr. and Mrs. Kenwill be placed upon field trips. neth Macgoway, Kirby Page, Max

Any CALL readers who will be in Mexico between July 1-6 are urged to attend this conference organized by the prominent Latin-American educator, Dr. Salomon de la Silva. For further information address Clarence Senior, director, Laguna conference, Paseo de la Reforma 27, Mexico, D. F.

Pacific Northwest

Conference

Preparations for the Pacific Northwest Organizational confer-

ence, opening in the Selling-Hirsch McDowell Tour

leave for Salt Lake City.

William Selignan.

building, 918 S. W. Washington st.,

Francisco.

them NOW, through single men to flop-houses. For the Cleveland office. their protests at the bureau Will Miren, New York city secretary, and Meyer Drucker, member of Tenth National Conventhe D. E. C., were arrested and imtion of the YPSL Revprisoned. olutionary Youth for

Convention Journal Plans for the convention speed

ahead with news that sessions will be held at the public auditorium in Cleveland. Located in the center of the downtown district, the auditorium site will increase attention given to the convention, as well, as convenience for delegates. Already, Cleveland papers have carred accounts of the projected convention, of the mass meeting, Browne, Humphrey Cobb, Esther and of Thomas as one of its

sueakers. Work has also begun on the Convention Journal, which will be a valuable souvenir of the convention's work. This week all circles will receve detailed information on the journal. Ads and greetings are to be solicited at the following rates: Full page, \$75; half page, \$40, quarter page, \$20; eighth page, \$10, and sixteenth page, \$5. The page size will be 8%x11, Since the convention is financed chiefly through the proceeds of the jour-

Y. W. C. A. on Sutter st., San nal, every circle must put on a Following this meeting and the real drive for ads and greetings, conclusion of his work in connecelecting a director for the drive. tion with the Mills College Insti-In addition to regular ads in the tute of International Relations in Convention Journal, which should Oakland, Comrade Thomas will

be secured from unions, fraternal and progressive organizations, branches of the party and the YPSL, and ordinary business

S-Loraine Peterson, Minneapolis, \$1 action on race discrimination issues which arose, or against decreases in the university budget; S-Wm. W. Wyer, Gilmanton, \$1. its: wages and hours committee, S-H. Rosenfield, Trenton, \$1 (credit Al Hamilton); H. Brandchaft, Newark,

camp

Came

and its academic freedom committee were defunct. Another local group followed Stalinist lead-SF-Local Newark, \$1. B-Naomi Eberiel, Newark, \$13. ership and opportunism to a logical conclusion, attempting to

will notify you at once wheth-

the equipment you have.

members speaking for it,

finally passed late in May

er or not it needs or can use

to co-operate with a united front

committee to work for the repeal

crush progressive action in favor of the national ASU program. The large group of students who see large group of students who see clearly the trelationship between the decline of the ULLA and its affiliation to the ASU have al-ready planned an organization to carry out demands for students' rights and needs. In addition, a chapter of the Youth Committee Against War has been active on campus all year. Nonne Rulletin

News Bulletin

The first regular news bulletin of the New England district YPSL has appeared recently. Named "The Torch," the bulletin has carried news of local and national activities; and discussion articles on how Socialists work in the student field, in co-ops and in trade unions. The district is now planning a summer school at Goshen, which will start Juné 28.

Canadian Visitor

Comrade Eamon Park, organizer for the youth section of the Cana-dian Commonwealth Federation, was a recent visitor to the nation-

retary Victor Olander of the Fed eration

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ANTON ROMATKA, well knows Greene wich village poet, oritis and publisher, will have an exhibition of artistically lettered original peens and his two fart books at the Washington Square Ond-door Poetry and Art Exhibition from May 21 to June 11.

A severe indictment of past and present social systems as productive of stunted personalities;

Stunting

BY ARNOLD H, KAMAIT

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We Accept The Challenge—

The wrecking of the Debs Labor School in New York presents a challenge to Socialists and workers not only in America's largest . Clothes for the Livingcity but throughout the country as well.

For this raid was not an "incident." It was not committed by a bunch of local tough guys with no social philosophy. It follows too familiar a pattern, a pattern used by Mussolini and Hitler, to be lightly dismissed.

This attack was organized—like blackshirts and nazis organized their attacks. It was aimed at the spearhead of anti-war and anti-fascist activity in lower New York City, the headquarters of the Debs Labor School, of the Greenwich and Chelsea branches of the Party, and of the Socialist Review. It is both a sign of the effectiveness of our comrades and a warning of rising fascist action in New York.

- That the assault was carried out by Coughlinites or their supporters is a conclusion logically to be drawn from circumstances surrounding the raid.

Earlier in the same night, Samuel Applebaum, a French teacher at New Utrecht High school, was stabled when he spoke up against anti-Jewish insults by a group of people hawking Social Justice on Fourteenth street. It required seven stitches to close the wound.

Previously, the entire neighborhood, long a labor and Jewish center, had been plastered with anti-Semitic stickers.

Coughlinites, too, were among the crowd that jeered Norman Thomas as he left the victory meeting in Jersey City, where 10,000 proud citizens turned out to bury the ghost of Mayor Hague's free speech gag rules. The presence near Thomas of 100 Socialists and sympathizers is probably all that saved him from attack then.

Followers of the Father, in addition, have long picketed Station WMCA in New York because it cut Coughlin's speeches off the air help. when he refused to abide by an elementary broadcasting requirement, submission of advance copies of speeches to be made. This dangerous drift of Coughlinism from words, inciting and hysterical as they were, to action, MUST be halted.

audience, is meaningless unless with it goes the liberty to organize for better conditions.

Jersey City today, with its ramshackle homes, its dominating factories, is not the most inviting city in the world in which to live. But its citizens can make it so-by meeting and acting as free men and women, by organizing for political and economic freedom.

May the sentiments of one Jersey City worker at the victory rally become the slogan for the entire population:

"We'll teach Hague a lesson. We've just started and we won't finish until we've smashed his rotten machine!"

The following is a statement issued by the

Needle Trades Division of Labor's Anti-War

Council. Among the sponsors are Rose Pe-

ray Gross, Minnie Lurye, Benjamin Badiz and

How would you like to sit at your machine

all day sewing shrouds for dead people? It

wouldn't be very nice, would it, especially if

you were thinking all the time that the shroud

passing through your machine might soon be

happen if war comes, and what you will have

to go through. But that is only part of it.

that has gone into the building of your union,

the years you have spent struggling for decent,

standards so that you and your family might

your hard work will be destroyed. For war

means military dictatorship which means the

end of your unions just as surely as Fascism

fight against Fascism in Europe and they

will put you under a military dictatorship not

ing Fascism where it exists today, a new World

will be fought, for the same old stakes-the

division of spoils among the imperialist robber

states. To the rich, it will bring swollen profits.

For the masses, it will mean death on the

country are one and the same. It is a fight

that dan be fought successfully with your

The war into which we are being driven

The fight against Fascism and war in this

If you cherish your union and your free-

om and the lives of your people, if you would

far removed from Fascism. Instead of destroy-

War will spread it all over the world.

battlefield and suffering at home.

They will tell you to give your life in the

Well, that gives you some idea what will

Think of all the hard work and heartbreak

The day war is declared the fruits of all

worn by your brother, husband, or son.

A Labor Plea

Against War

Herman Zukowski:

Not Shrouds for the Dead

There will be other things.

enjoy decent lives.

does.

SOCIALIST CALL

Hold That Line BY LILLIAN SYMES The Tide Is Rising

Several months ago, in this column, I remarked on the wave of spy and atrocity propaganda that had begun to sweep the country, via the picture magazines radio and movies, in an attempt to sell another "democratic crusade" to the American public.

. 19. T

Since that time the radio and screen have reached a new high in patriotic hysteria. It is almost embarrassing to hear some of our radio comedians, whose childhood days were spent in the dirty and teeming tenements of New York's lower East side, express their uncritical and syrupy devotion to the American status auo.

Personally, I am seized with an irresistible impulse to rub their noses in the dirt of some migratory labor camp or some reliefer's "house-keeping room"-and say: "Don't be so damned grateful for the privilege of living." Though some of them, of course, have managed to do pretty well for themselves, there is no reason why they should forget the facts of life.

Persecutions sotta, Joseph Schlossberg, Louis Nelson Mur-

Those of us who are old enough to remember "The Beast of Berlin," "Hearts of 'the World" and similar Hollywood masterpieces of the last World war are wellprepared for the current hate-fest-though some of us are rather astonished at some of its victims.

In that earlier period, too, you will remember, the liberal wing of the propagandists protested loudly that their efforts were not aimed at "the German people" but merely at their wicked rulers; not at the "sincere" opponents of war, but merely at subversive "pro-German" elements. But the net result was the whipping of German-Americans who failed to buy enough Liberty bonds, the torture of conscientious objectors who refused to bear arms; the beating and imprisonmentsometimes the murder-of Socialists, I. W. Ws., pacifists, anarchists, and the smashing up of their meetings and headquarters; public insults to artists like Fritz Kreisler, the ex-communication of Beethoven and Wagner, the brutal persecutions and deportations of 1919.

General Espionage

In view of the fact that many of our liberals-and of course, all of our Communists are now congratulat-ing Hollywood on "liberating" itself from the pressure of the fascist censors (the fascist markets being closed, Hollywood can how afford to be daring), it may be well to ask ourselves what the net result of such pictures as "Confessions of a Nazi Spy" is going to be on the mind of the typical American patriot.

No one with an ounce of intelligence doubts that Germany; has a very well-organized espionage system in this and other countries (though the "spy trial" of last year, on which the picture is based, had some strange and very phoney angles including the "escape" of every principal in the affair, the prosecution of two or three nonentities and the fact that Mr. Leon Tarrou who unveiled the plot seemed to have some mysterious and quite un-American connections.) But so has England and the Soviet Union very elaborate espionage systems in this country-as we have abroad.

Personal Experiences

Having had some personal experiences with the British secret service here during the last World war, when it was hunting down Irish and Hindu "conspirators" bent on national liberation, I can testify that the, Nazi system has a close rival for efficiency and ruthlessness.

Having seen a Hindu revolutionist shot down in cold blood in an American courtroom by a Hindu stpoge of that system, I am not terribly impressed by the superior delicacy of democratic espionage. Nor should we forget that Salsedo, the Italian radical whose death set in motion the Sacco-Vanzetti affair, jumped from the window of a New York skyscraper to escape the attentions of our own department of justice.

history by creating the impression that Mexico's historic . struggle has been a struggle against European reaction and interference, with the U. S. A. playing the role of protective big brothen

Not a word about the fact that less than 20 years before Maxmilian landed, the U.S. A. had robbed Mexico of the greater part of her territory in an unprovoked war of conquest and that American business interests have been desphiling her natural resources ever since.

The Mexicans, at least, are probably not amused, even if they did send a few gentlemen in white ties and tails to view the New York premier. History, Hollywood version, gets stranger day by day.

Little Essays In Socialism

BY JOHN M. WORK

Looking over some statistics for 1938 I found 12,836 arguments in favor of Socialism. I apologize for using dull figures and I solemnly promise never, never, never to use them again-at least not

until I do.

The record of industrial and commercial failures for the present century is as. follows: 11,002 in 1901; 11,615 in 1902; 12,069 in 1903; 12,199 in 1904; 11,-520 in 1905; 10,682 in 1906;

11,725 in 1907; 15,690 in 1908 (a year of depression); 12,924 in 1909; 12,652 in 1910; 13,441 in 1911; 15,452 in 1912; 16,037 in 1913; 18,280 in 1914 (a year of depression) :+22,156 in 1915 (aftermath of depression); 16,993 in 1916 (cut by European war profits); 13,855 in 1917 (war profiteering at home); 9,982 in 1918 (ditto); 6,451 in 1919 (more ditto); 8,881 in 1920 (war profits waning); 19,652 in 1921 (a year of depression); 23,676 in 1922 (aftermath of depression); 18,-718 in 1923; 20,615 in 1924; 21,214 in 1925; 21,773 in 1926; 23,146 in 1927; 23,842 in 1928 (boomlets bursting at height of "prosperity"); 22,909 in 1929; 26,355 in 1930 (a year of depression); 28,285 in 1931 (ditto); 31,822 in 1932 (some more ditto); 20,307 in 1933 ("new deal" beginning to bail 'em out); 19,856 in 1934; 11,724 in 1935; 9,185 in 1936; 9,490 in 1937; 12,836 in 1938.

So, you see, I found 12,836 arguments in favor of Socialism in the 1938 figures, to say nothing of the tens of thousands of arguments in favor of Socialism in the preceding years of this century and in the previous century. Even the "new deal," with its vigorous use of the government pulmotor to keep the spark of life in dying concerns, could not reduce the number of casualties below 9,000 per annum.

All of the failed concerns were privately owned. I commend the figures to those enemies of Socialism who contend that private ownership is efficient and that public ownership is not. Private ownership which goes under by wholesale thousands, or holds up only with financial assistance from the government, is a sorry mess. The truth is that privately owned concerns are not as efficient as publicly owned concerns. The latter can be much improved but they already have the better record.

The Wailing-W Children should be permitted to read "tracket

William Lyon Phelps. Oh, no! They're too young to be reading the ist press.

England has broken her pledged word to Jews establish a national homeland in Palastina sanctity of treaties is taking an awful beating days from Fascist and democratic countries Whatever is done, be sure England will do # "It's open season on the Jews," says our friend a

The New York Times reports that immigrations Biro-Bidian, the Jewish republic in the Seviet has been stopped because of "the strained inte situation."

This mans that there are now two Jewish here a which Jews may not enter.

Putzi Hanfstaengel, former foreign press chart Adolf Hitler who fled Germany during the France 1934 purge of his own party, was suing for libel to lish court. 'He denied published charges of he life, testifying that there was "not the slightest in tion" for any sugestion of immoral relations t association with Hitler.

Of course not! Their relations existed solely purpose of destroying democracy, plotting was killing Jews, Socialists, Communists and trade ists. Immoral!

We jumped to the wrong conclusion when that headline from Danzig: "Poles Kill Butcher."

It was the wrong German butcher.

A name to conjure with is that of any dictates. some of the aspirants for the Hitler-Mussolial n unfortunate in their names. Take, for en Colonel d la Roeque of the French Croix de Fue His first name is Casimir, which is as ridioni a, Frenchman's car as Percival to yours. Just h says John Gunther, an American presidential one with the name of Alphonse.

Then there's the case of Hitler himself. father's real name was Schickigruber, Conceive sands in the Sportspalast shouting: "Heil gruber." It's enough to make anybody a de And now in the United States, the leading I

and anti-Semite turns out to be the dilapidated man, Gen, Van Horn Moseley. We suppose his int call him Mose. - ·

Some irate voter in Nebraska hung up a siga unicameral legislature which read: "The general hereby objects to the snoring of the senators, must sleep, don't snore .-- A Constituent."

Doesn't he know that a snoring senator can wrong? And that a snore is the least objection sound emitted by a legislator?

Hitler has signed a 10-year pact with Main Naturally. Italy is the only nation left with Germany can break a treaty.

The Bible is banned in Germany. That's ream The Good Book talks about breaking bread foreigners, not treaties.

When a Fascist witness before the Dies on was being sworn in before testifying, he deal "Is that a Christian oath?" The only oath a wants to violate is a Christian oath."

Colonel Harrington, the new WPA administ suggests rotating WPA employment. The works to take turns at eating and starving. That should reduce unemployment because a lot of the joble their first chance at bat, may never again have opportunity of coming up to the plate.

New York state has forbidden the wearing e as time the Fritz Kuhn, was jailed as a common thief. The space, sum it up with the headline: "New York Kuhniform."

Saturday, Jane 🌌





The Socialist Party has never followed a policy of deliberately provoking attack. Socialists are not cheap publicity seekers and are too deadly in earnest to play for the grandstand. But neither does this Party believe in turning the other cheek.

If cowardly hoodlums who strike in the night are sching for a fight with us, they will get it. And we don't care about the exact shade of the shirt they wear. There is:one dye that tends to make all shirts look alike; it may run a little thin from fascist noses but the color, we suppose, is still red.

Anyway, one more sneaking attempt such as this and we shall find out!

rather sew clothes for the living than shrouds for the dead.

We think the New Masses has a perfect reply to the charges made by General Krivitsky. First of all, there is no such person. Secondly, he is really Schmelka Ginsberg. Thirdly, he was never in the GPU. Fourthly, he was hired by the infamous Yagoda. Fifth, his articles were written for him by Isaac Don Levine, Sixth, as soon as Suzanne La Follette finishes writing the articles, they will be published in book form, and you can all read it if you're willing to pay \$500.

It's the last item that puzzles us. Why does the N. M. announce the price as if it were \$500? Do they think that's the best way of keeping the comrades from reading it?

Chaplin's Coming Picture

It is to be hoped that Charlie Chaplin's forthcoming satire on the dictators will do the job that needs to be, done on this subject without at the same time, arousing, or racist hatred and hysteria. Satire, unlike atracity and fear propaganda, is not a two-edged sword.

Speaking of satire, someone might do an essay on the implications of another film which has recently come out of Russia and which is getting a great play even in some Social'Democratic circles which should know better -"Concentration Camp." No, gentle reader Stalin has not turned penitent and decided to tell all The film deals with a GERMAN, not a RUSSIAN concentration camp.

Juarez

Some of you who have seen another late Hollywood "masterpièce-"Juarez"-undoubtedly chuckled, if you did not swear softly, at the way the stars and stripes were plastered all over that epic of Old Mexico. The picture might have been a real epic if the producers had not been so intent on distorting Mexican-and American-

However, the main thing wrong with private ownership is that it no longer fits the conditions.

The industrial plant is ripe for Socialism. The word "failure" is the one used in the statistics. I would prefer the word "bankrupt." Many a person who goes broke may be a failure, but it is not going broke that makes him a failure. To me, a person is a failure if he lives selfishly, and he is a success if he lives altruistically. A person who is a success may be all the more likely to become a bankrupt, for he has conscientious scruples against doing some of the things necessary to win the game of competition.

Bruce Barton is in favor of repealing the new legislation. We are in favor of repealing Bruce R

Not so long ago Earl Browder said the two heroes of democracy are President Roosevelt and Fulgencio Batista of Cuba. A few weeks later Bat acknowledged the compliment by barring the Och nist party of Cuba from the ballot.

Miss Smith, take a letter! Dear Mr. Browdert can't make a clean'sweep with soft soap.

Philip J. Noel Baker, Labor member of parlies told the party congress at Southport that Prime ister Chamberlain has "one foot in the eighteenthi tury and the other in Berlin."

That's no trick of contortion on Chamberlain's Because even the eighteenth century is miles of Berlin.

Hague's Sun **Goes Down**

Mayor Hague's kingdom in North Jersey is cracking.

His autocratic rule over thousands of people, his denial of the right to hold meetings and speak freely have been kicked into the ashcan.

The long fight of the Socialist Party, the Workers' Defense League and other labor organizations is bearing glorious fruit—the fruit of freedom.

Ten thousand workers and their friends crowded Jersey City's Journal Square last week to celebrate the Supreme Court's outlawing of Hague's ban on meetings.

claim that Jersey citizens would not tolerate or listen to these "agitators."

Ten thousand people cheered Norman Thomas who celebrated this rousing Socialist victory with a vigorous speech on the same spot where a year ago he was pelted with eggs and evicted by Hague hoodlums.

That Hague still has tremendous power cannot be questioned. His position on the Democratic National Committee still gives him a certain amount of prestige, a prestige for which New Dealers who like to think of their a party as "liberal" have shown all due respect. His position there is a symbol both of their weakness and his strength.

But the armor of patronage, gag laws, vicious tax measures, judicial corruption, gangsters and favoritism which heretofore protected Hague, is cracking-cracking under Socialist and labor sledge-hammer blows. The light of freedom is at last beginning to penetrate the darkness of Hague's domain.

It is now up to the citizens of Jersey City to carry through. A major battle is ours. If waged unflinchingly, the war can be won. Important steps toward that ultimate victory are found in the organizing drives launched by our Party, by the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and by the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

From under the iron heel of Hagueism may they climb the heights to political and economic liberty!

The following article is taken from a pamphlet, as yet unpublished, written by Kurt Landau in 1937. Landau was once a member of the Austrian Communist party and editor of "Red Flag" in Vienna. Later he entered the German Communist party. Expelled for his anti-Stalinist views, he, together with Trotsky and Rosmer, founded the International Left Communist Opposition. He vigorously opposed, however, the launching of a Fourth International and split with Trotsky. When war broke out in Spain, he placed his journalistic talents at the service of the POUM. On Sept 23, 1937, he was murdered by Stalin's GPU agents in Spain.

Trotsky, and later both Zinoviev and Kamenev, in their fight against Stalin, always started with the premise that the concrete form of the proletarian dictatorship, elaborated by the Russian Revolution in the Ten thousand people gave the lie to Hague's course of the years 1917 to 1923, is untouchable and exemplary. The dictatorship of the proletariat under the form of political monopoly of fthe Bolsheviks had become an axiom for them. They did not understand that that which for them represented the most perfect form of proletarian domination was in reality only the expression of a permanent crisis of the revolution. The principal cause of this crisis was the non-Socialist and non-revolutionary character of the other Soviet parties -above all the Mensheviks and Socialist Revolutionaries of the Right, and the adventurism of the Socialist Revolutionaries of the Left.

> The Russian Opposition gave itself over to the disgraceful illusion of believing it could solve the crisis of the revolution, which reflected itself in a crisis in the party, within the confines of the party itself. It was not until after his defeat and annihilation that Trotsky, at least in transition, raised the slogans outside the party which were aimed to link the Marxist Opposition to the class struggle of the workers-above all the slogan for democratic and secret elections in the trade unions and Soviets. But these slogans, proclaimed by Treisky after his defeat and exile, came too late and their importance was not of a great but of a thecretical character.

> In the course of the fight the Communist Opposition of Russia always recoiled before the decision to appeal to the masses, to break definitely the legality of the It always capitulated for tactical reasons, party.

Stalinism Born of Bolshevism

The Russian Opposition did not understand that Stalinism in its fundamental conception is born of Bolshevism, from which it has developed all the weaknesses while destroying the positive sides. One is not able to combat or defeat Stalinism without breaking with those conceptions, arising from Bolshevism, which have failed both in the Revolution and in history.

Bolshevism is neither the "last word" of Marxism nor the perfect form of revolutionary Socialism. With all its contradictions, it has been the particular political and organizational form

mechanical fashion to the international working-class movement.

The Russian Opposition has shown itself incapable of finding a new political ideology. It has not gone beyond the limits of Bolshevism. It was neither personal weakness nor fear of a menacing war which finally destroyed the Russian Opposition. Its decomposition and its liquidation had very deep roots. Arising from the conceptions of Bolshevism with which they surrounded themselves, the oppositional Bolsheviks considered the fight between them and Stalin as a fight of the plane of tactics and organization. The effort of Trotsky to give to this light a programmatic character by the question of "Socialism in one country" was condemned. to failure. To the extent that the crisis in capitalism increased and the international conflicts matured, the utopian orientation toward an autorchic Socialist society lest in part its practical importance. Stalinism furned itself anew toward the international arena. Its political and military action, therefore, will have progressive rather than reactionary consequences. One is reminded of the Napoleonic armies of bourgeois France, which, while carrying the flag of the bourgeois revolution into feudal Europe, at the same time contributed to national oppression and consequently to the promotion of reactionary libertarian wars,

Trotskyism as a Fetish

The fight against the narrow nationalistic spirit of Stalin was not able to form anything but a part of the fight for elaboration of a new Socialist conception. It should never have taken on the character of a fetish which it has, in fact, adopted.

At the beginning of 1929 the revolutionary movement entered a decisive phase of its crisis. The Com-munist International, after the Sixth World Congress of 1928, began the "leftist period," condemning collaboration with Socialists, organizing the trade union split, and transforming its parties into sects, large or small. Old groups revolting against the new course detached themselves from the C. I. This acquired extreme importance because it coincided with the beginning of the gravest crisis that capitalism had ever endured. Bourgeois Europe, "stabilized" since 1924, was shaken to its very foundations. All classes of bourgeois society -particularly in Central Europe-began to move, seeking a solution for their critical situation.

Trotsky's Failure

The new course of the Communist International was obvious contradiction to the elementary necessities the revolutionary movement. It led inevitably to catastrophe. For Trotzky, who had just been expelled from Russia, the decisive hour was at hand. If he was capable of giving a clear revolutionary program to the working class movement, if he could indicate to it the way to take in order to conquer Stalinism and reformism- to lead, over the heads of the leaders of parties, the proletarian revolutionary elements in independent action-then the role which Marx and Engels had played with regard to the young workers' movement of 1860-70 could have fallen to him. But Trotsky did not measure up to his historic task. He did not under-

Bolshevism, Trotskyism, Sectarianism the necessity of a program uniting all the progressive elements of the working class movement; He failed to understand that one cannot re-unite the revolutionary forces on the single, narrow basis of a fraction and on a criterion equally fractional-such as the Anglo-Russian Committee, Chinese Revolution, etc., etc.-but that one must re-unite them on a broad platform which gives a solution to the essential problem of the Revolution.

> More serious even than this is the error of Trotsky in that which concerns his personal role, in the working class international movement. Just as the movement of each country shows particular and priginal traits, the advance guard of the revolution, opposing itself to the Third International must develop in each country characteristic traits in order to link itself realistically to the workers' movement. Trotsky better than anyone else, should have been able to assist the development and uniting of the various groups of the advance guard, first in the different countries and finally on an international scale. But instead of taking stock of the tendencies of the revolutionary groups and trying to surmount old differences which had become outworn, Trotsky tried to found an international sect with his own personal conceptions as a program, untouchable, and with his person as the single and final source.

Road to Dictatorship

Instead of taking the road to Marx, Trotsky took that of Lasalle, founder of an organization of the workers that was authoritarian and semi-Bonapartist. The error of Lasalle was understandable, in view of the youth of the workers' movement which had neither experience nor independent organization nor an understanding of its role. Trotsky inevitably has become the representative of dictatorial methods in the working class movementi

The system of organization of Trotskyism is a bad caricature of Bolshevism and for its internal shape very close to the system dear to Stalinities. Instead of upholding the revolutionary Marzist organizations which had been born in the various countries, Trotsky abandoned himself to the illusion of being able to create working class groups artificially with the aid of "ambassadors." ! This sectarian fashion of proceeding is the most infallible means of repulsing revolutionary workers because the serious worker is endowed with a critical sense that does not permit him to rally to an organization except after having observed it during a certain time of independent activity. True Marxists do not consider historic experience or tactical results or even theoretical knowledge as something untouchable and eternal. They apply themselves to their results in order to find an adequate solution to every concrete situation. The profound realism of Marxism consists of this Trotskyism, on the contrary, gives only slogans entirely taken from the experience of the Russian Revolution and proclaims them in a dogmatic fashion as though they were concerned with laws of Moses and not with social phenomena determined in time and space.

Dogmas Don't Make a Movement

Revolutionary Marxism always influences a sector

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make of them finally the revolutionary advance It knows that this advance guard is not abl anything but the product of that assimilation advanced workers and socialist theories. Fifty and intellectuals, bound closely and indissolubly real movement of the working class and to its ization, represent an advanced guard, if the theory forms the basis of their thought, of their tivities, of their life. Five hundred Trotsky be side the working class, its independent action struggles and its fundamental organizations-ibs unions-represent a sect event if they equip their with all the dogmas of the working class movement

A working class organization which has its his and its social roots develops an independent It does not allow itself either to command or to boot The incapacity of Trotskyite organizations to pos an independent policy the fact that its supresses can, in case of conflict, liquidate them or replace with a new organization shows that they more adaptable. In the Marxist conception the leader represents the executive instrument of the organit In the Trotskyite conception the organization # workers is nothing but the instrument of the in ship.

Marxists examine in a critical fashion the for the success and defeat of working class or tion, nationally and internationally. They know well that there is no definite, eternal form of we class organization, neither from a political political view nor from an organic point of view. They that a form which under certain conditions with gressive can become reactionary if the conditions fundamentally. From this angle Marxists examine reasons for the growth and defeat of the Third tional in order better to take account of that is living and of that which is dead in its being they know that new forms of international and of the workers do not depend solely upon them ception and their intention but upon a whole the of objective factors in the course of historic on ment. They bring themselves conscientiously set tentively to study the spontaneous tendencies develop in the proletariat not only to place them under them, but also to start from them as a P

A Literary Socialist Tendency

Trotskyism, on the contrary, imagines in 🍽 tarian folly, that one can repeat history as one catechism. It believes truly that a Fourth national as a faithful copy of the Third Intern up to 1923, is possible. It fails to realize the historic situation which permitted the creation Third International, under the form we know tainly cannot repeat itself, will never return,

Trotskyism will never be anything else literary socialist tendency bound uniquely to the ence of Trotsky, as one of the most eminest writers. Trotskyism will never be anything organized form of the propaganda of the Trotsky. It is possible (and we hope it will] that Trotsky will play again an important role course of the Russian Revolution, but he will as a dominating personality and not as a long

